

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE

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S. 880 Chemical Safety Information, Site Security and

Fuels Regulatory Relief Act

As cleared by the Congress on August 2, 1999

S. 880 would exempt flammable fuels that are not acutely toxic from provisions of the Clean Air Act that require risk management planning. That act requires operators of stationary sources that produce, process, handle, or store certain hazardous materials to prepare risk management plans every five years for review by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This legislation would require EPA to restrict access to some information in risk management plans. Under S. 880, government officials, their contractors, and certain qualified researchers who violate the act's restrictions on disseminating information would be subject to criminal fines. Collections of such fines are recorded in the budget as governmental receipts, or revenues, which are deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and spent in subsequent years.

Because S. 880 would affect both direct spending and receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would apply. CBO estimates that any increase in revenues and direct spending would be negligible.

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